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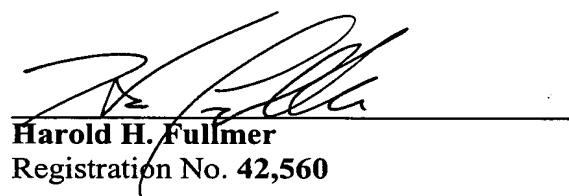
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#### REMARKS

Applicants hereby disclose the existence of co-pending United States Patent Application Number 10/068,714, filed February 6, 2002, (Attorney Docket Number A0428US; CC-3404) which discloses and claims some closure limitations that are similar to those of the present application. The scope of the independent claims of the two application are not co-extensive.

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